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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2001, wherein restriction

was required as follows:

Group I claims 1-89, 91, 94-121 and 133;

Group II claims 90 and 122-132; and

Group III claims 92, 93 and 134-142.





Rather than comment on the correctness of the Examiner's requirement,
Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I claims 1-89, 91, 94-121 and 133 for further
prosecution in the present application.

Applicants reserve their right to file one or more divisional applications to represent the non-elected claims. R

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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